



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council Members
SUBJECT: The Public Record
April 5-11, 2006


FROM: Lee Price
MMC, City Clerk
DATE: April 13, 2006

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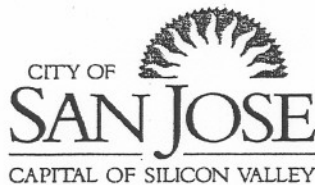
- (a) Letter from Chair Helen Chapman, Parks and Recreation Commission to the City of San José, Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, dated April 5, 2006, regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Baseball Stadium in the Diridon Arena Area.
- (b) Email from a member of the public, Jack Schaefer, dated April 5, 2006, regarding incumbents for City Council.



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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

April 5, 2006

City of San José
Attn: Michael Rhoades
Department of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement
200 East Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor
San José, CA 95113-1905

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Baseball Stadium in the Diridon/Arena Area

Dear Mr. Rhoades:

On March 15 and April 5 of 2006, the City of San José Parks and Recreation Commission considered the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Baseball Stadium in the Diridon/Arena Area (SCH# 20051121126). As the Commission in charge of recreational facilities, we have the following concerns:

1. The DEIR indicates there are no significant public service impacts. Both Council District 3 and 6 are underserved by neighborhood/community parklands and recreational school grounds are collectively short 195.2 acres of neighborhood/community parkland and/or recreational school grounds based on the General Plan Objectives of 3.5 acres per 1000 population. The table below supports this analysis, indicating a shortage of parklands, and the loss of five plus acres associated with the Fire Training Facility will only aggravate this shortfall in the Delmas Area.

Council District	2000 US Census Population	Parkland Per 2000 Census @ 3.5/1000	Amount of City Parklands	Amount of Recreational School Lands	Total Recreational Lands (D + E)	Difference (C - F)
A	B	C	D	E	F	G
3	91,442	320.0	104.3	70.3	174.6	-145.4
6	86,937	304.3	82.5	172.0	254.5	-49.8
Totals	178,379	624.3	186.8	242.3	429.1	-195.2

2. The City's Midtown Specific Plan calls for the reuse of the Fire Training Facility on the southwest corner of Montgomery Street and Park Avenue as a park site to include formalized playing (sport) fields, including a softball/hardball diamond, a soccer field, and basketball courts to serve this area. The proposed Stadium Project would use the Fire

Training Facility as the major parking facility to serve the Stadium. All but one of the alternative sites indicated in Figure V.N-1 are too small to accommodate the proposed sport facilities to serve the area, therefore, the DEIR shows how these facilities could be accommodated on the proposed replacement sites. Attached is a layout of the proposed park facilities on the Fire Training Facility.

3. The DEIR did not assess the impacts to the Los Gatos Creek and the future Los Gatos Creek Trail from the proposed Baseball Stadium. The future trail will provide a direct link from the Stadium to the Light-Rail-Station at Delmas and San Fernando Streets, and to the proposed San Carlos Station. The impacts to future trail users were not analyzed. The trail is likely to be congested with spectators after a stadium event and will hamper regular trail users access to this section of the trail. The proposed trail would consist of a Class I, 12-foot-wide paved path section with at least 2-foot wide compacted soil shoulders.
4. How will the City mitigate the additional trash and debris accumulation caused by Stadium users in the area of Los Gatos Creek and the Los Gatos Creek Trail area between Auzerais Avenue and Santa Clara Street?
5. How will the native riparian plantings be protected from spectators exiting the Stadium between Auzerais Avenue and Santa Clara Street that are adjacent to the future Los Gatos Creek Trail?
6. The proposed Stadium Project is not in compliance with the City riparian setback guidelines of 100 feet from the top of the bank or edge of riparian vegetation, whichever is greater. The proposed Stadium Project is recommending a 50 foot riparian setback area from the railroad track to San Fernando Street. The Commission would like to know why the reduction in width is being allowed. The Commission is concerned that the reduction in the 100 foot setback will cumulatively erode the effectiveness of the riparian policy and further degrade the creek's environment. The Commission suggests that the City consider a mitigation measure when approving reductions to the width of the riparian setback area by establishing alternative areas along streams of San Jose on a square foot for square foot basis. Thus the area lost to reduction would be replaced in another location within the City limits.
7. Considering the density of the proposed housing development associated in the Diridon/Arena Strategic Development Plan, new housing units would be displaced by the proposed Stadium Project. The loss of these housing units may hamper the City's ability in providing needed park facilities to serve the Delmas Area under the City's Parkland Dedication and/or Park Impact Ordinances.
8. The Commission is concerned that the proposed Stadium Project may cause a parking problem when other events are occurring simultaneously. The Stadium Project estimated that within 3/4 miles of the proposed project site there are 21,072 existing parking spaces. The Stadium Project estimates the 3/4 of those parking spaces, or 15,804 parking spaces would be available for stadium parking as long as no other evening event was occurring.

The 15,804 parking spaces augment the proposed new parking structure for 1,200 spaces on the Fire Training Facility and approximately 150 parking spaces on the proposed Stadium site. How is parking being handled for weekday games, or night games when other events are also competing for existing parking spaces?

9. The Commission is concerned that the DEIR did not comprehensively analyze the Stadium Project impacts on the safe route to school for students living in the Delmas Area. Currently, elementary students in the Delmas area must cross over Interstate 280 at Bird Street. A major traffic route for Stadium users will be the interchange of the Bird Street's on and off ramps associated with Interstate 280. How will children be protected at these intersections from traffic associated with Stadium events?
10. The Alameda is proposed as a Grand Pedestrian Boulevard in the City of San José. Traffic associated with Stadium events will impact this grand vision for The Alameda. Has the DEIR addressed the impacts additional traffic will have on the The Alameda pedestrian experience? If not, why has this not been addressed?
11. The Commission is concerned that the proposed Stadium Project may cause sound problems for events occurring at the Center for the Performing Arts. Has a sound study been conducted regarding the Stadium noise on the Center for the Performing Arts facility?
12. The Commission is concerned that the proposed Stadium Project may cause sound problems associated with outdoor events staged at Arena Green and Discovery Meadow Park sites, which are both within a half mile of the proposed Stadium Project.
13. The Commission is concerned with the visual and noise impacts the Proposed Stadium may have on Cahill Park. Has an analysis been done on Cahill Park and how it relates to the new Stadium? If not, why wasn't this considered as an impact from the Stadium Project?

The Parks and Recreation Commission looks forward to the answers to our concerns regarding the Proposed Baseball Stadium in the Diridon/Arena Area.

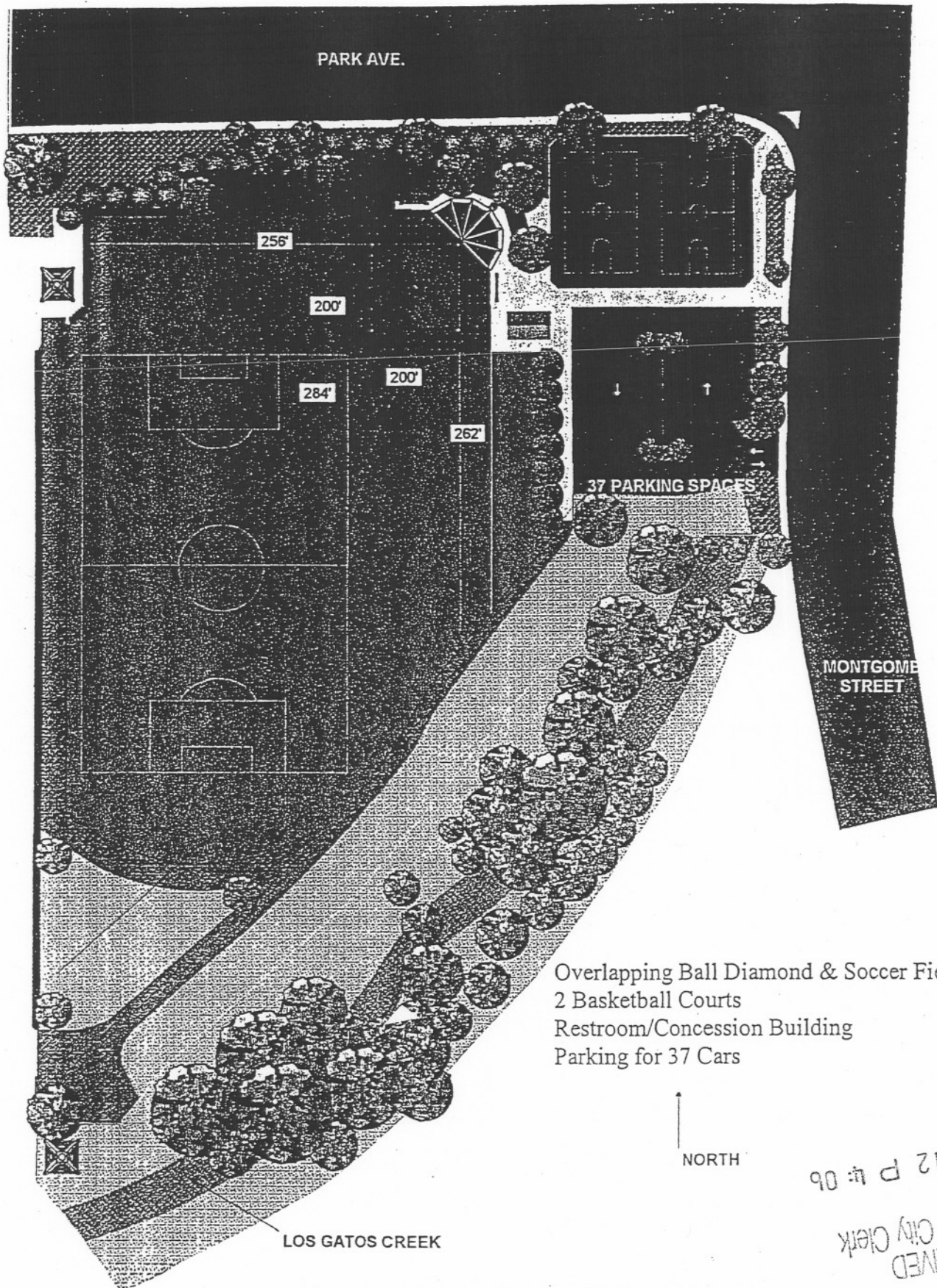
Sincerely,



Helen Chapman
Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission

Attachment: Proposed Park Facilities at the Fire Training Facility

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PROPOSED PARK FACILITIES AT THE FIRE TRAINING FACILITIES

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We strongly do not believe America should reward illegal people with citizenship who give no value to our laws, waiting their turn in line, or following procedures in an orderly society. We are not just faced with illegal immigration but with a non-violent invasion across our southern borders. The people in this invasion are overwhelming our society. They come only for the money not to become Americans and their insistence on keeping their language, social customs, and flag. These are not actions of a people to assimilate but to demonstrate their ability to control how America conducts policy. Why do illegal's have a right to go to the front of the line ahead of hard working Mexicans who participated in the legal process to become citizens? Citizenship is not a right of all poor people of the world but a privilege and should not be given to people who break the laws and go around the system.

Sincerely, Jack Schaefer